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To: All Gasoline Importers, Retailers and Other Interested Parties

Re: August 2017 Fuel Volatility Waiver for North Carolina

Hurricane Harvey and the continued flooding in Texas and Louisiana has caused several refineries and pipelines to either suspend or reduce their operations due to safety concerns. These facilities must be assessed for damage before returning to normal operations. At best, this may cause a short-term disruption of our fuel supply, so the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is waiving volatility specifications in gasoline pursuant to 02 NCAC 42 .0201(a)(1) and in gasoline /alcohol blends pursuant to 02 NCAC 42 .0201 (b)(3). This will allow for an increase in the gasoline supply that should not affect the quality of the fuel.

Gasoline of Vapor Pressure/Distillation Class C (per ASTM D4814) may be sold through September 15th, 2017.

Per 02 NCAC 42 .0201 (b), for gasoline blended with 10% or less ethanol, there is a vapor pressure tolerance of 1.0 psi and the vapor/liquid ratio specification (TV/L) is waived.

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